

Largo Metrorail Extension

Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area

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Description

The Maryland Mass Transit Administration (MTA) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) are joint lead agencies in the construction of a 3.1-mile heavy rail extension of WMATA's Blue Line. The extension will extend the Blue Line from its current terminus at the Addison Road Station to Largo Town Center, located just beyond the Capital Beltway in Prince Georges County, Maryland. The 3.1-mile alignment includes tunnel and surface segments. The project includes two new stations at Summerfield and Largo Town Center and 14 heavy rail vehicles. The stations will provide a total of 2,700 park-and-ride spaces, including "kiss-and-ride" spaces and bus bays. The project will provide direct service to USAir Arena, a former major sports complex that will be redeveloped for entertainment and retail uses. Average weekday boardings are estimated at 20,040, including 15,310 daily new riders by 2020.

Total capital costs are \$433.90 million (escalated dollars), including Final Design and construction. The Section 5309 New Starts funding share for the project is \$260.30 million.

Status

Preliminary Engineering for the Largo Metrorail extension was initiated in February 1996 and completed in June 2000. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was completed in October 1996. A Final EIS was completed in September 1999. FTA issued a Record of Decision for the Largo Extension in February 2000 and approved the project into Final Design in July 2000. WMATA and FTA entered into a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) in December 2000 with a revenue operations date scheduled for December 31, 2004. The non-Federal share for the project is provided by the State of Maryland through a funding agreement executed on May 26, 2000.

WMATA is using a design-build contracting method. Construction started in March 2001 and currently is 15 percent complete. The third and final contract was awarded in October 2002 for the stations and parking facilities. In September 2002, Prince George County and the Maryland Department of Transportation authorized an additional \$13.60 million for the project to add a parking structure and day care center at the Largo station. The WMATA Board approved \$9 million from their Transit Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) to be applied to this project on September 19, 2002.

TEA-21 Section 3030(a)(93) authorizes the "Washington, DC – Largo Extension" for Final Design and construction. Through FY 2002, Congress has appropriated \$67.53 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds to the project.

Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars		
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Total Funding (million)</u>	<u>Appropriations to Date</u>
Federal: Section 5309 New Starts FFGA Commitment	\$260.30	\$67.53 million appropriated through FY 2002 *
State: Maryland Transportation Trust Fund	\$173.60	
TOTAL	\$433.90	

NOTE: Total may not add due to rounding.

* Includes \$5.65 million awarded to Maryland MTA that is not included in the FFGA.

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